

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly,

My name is Gabriela Gonzalez. I am a student from East Hartford. I am documented.

For the most part when I go to my doctor appointments, and dentist appointments, they are all covered by my insurance. Right now my father, who is a resident in the U.S., is dealing with his insurance to cover a doctor visit . He got a letter from his insurance that he would have to pay half of it, as the insurance only would cover half of it as well. It isn't easy paying 1,000 out of pocket because the health insurance won't accept to pull it fully. This is one of many problems my family has gone through.

It's devastating to hear kids in Connecticut don't have any access to health insurance. It is important to themselves, their families, and for all the other families dealing with this situation. Health care can help improve the children's health and growth. Without the care they get, it can affect their development and the capability they may show along the years of their lives.

Due to this, I stand in support of S.B. No. 284: "AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS," with clear language that extends eligibility to all HUSKY programs to all CT residents, regardless of immigration status, and I ask the committee to support this legislation.

Thank you for your time,

Gabriela Goznalez